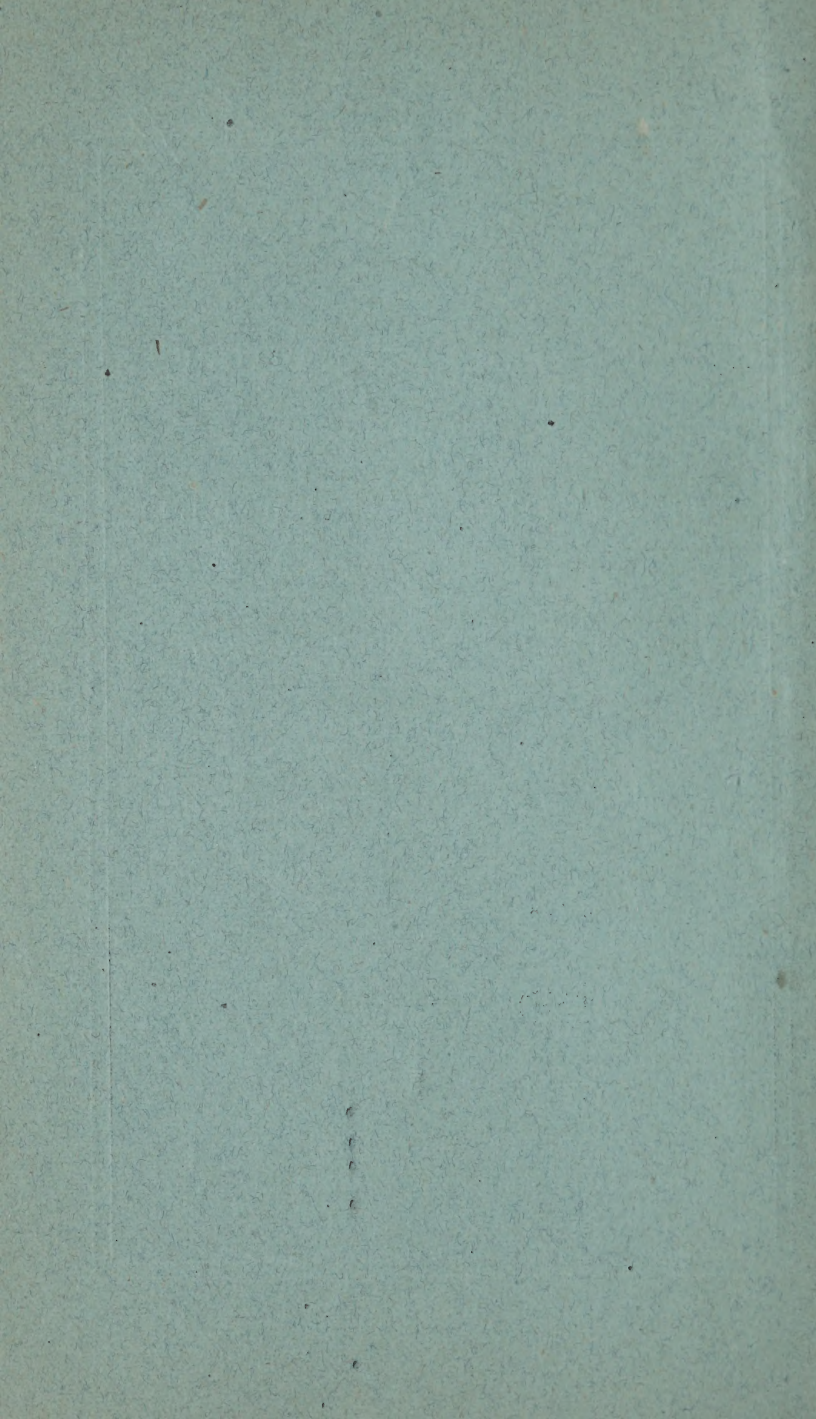


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# REPORT.

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To paid the following bills by orders on the Town  
Treasurer.

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State tax,	\$1,292 00
Charles W. Fall, County "	1,894 43
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	\$3,186 43

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## SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid Aziah C. Willey, District No. 1,	\$163 83
George A. Yeaton, " " 2,	239 19
Isaac D. Watson and John W. Mathews,	
Dist. No. 3,	167 18
Frank Lane, " " 4,	150 00
Mrs. Emily B. Sibley, " " 5,	162 69
Thomas W. Hill, " " 6,	137 23
Frank A. Dore, " " 7,	103 28
Miss Harriette Dow, " " 8,	150 00
Horace H. Moulton, " " 9,	286 63
Horace B. Tuttle, " " 10,	126 47
Miss Mary C. Ballard, " " 11,	112 20
Charles H. Willey, " " 12,	229 00
S. W. Roberts, maps several school dist's,	30 60
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Total,	\$2,058 30

## PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Hiram R. Waldron, support of Daniel	
Quimby and Louisa Nutter,	156 00
Samuel W. Roberts,	4 60
George A. Yeaton, supplies,	4 00
Washington Libbey, for George Libbey,	59 50
Paul Desjardins,	20 00
James W. Garvin & Co., for Geo. Libbey,	5 33
Frank P. Thrasher, for three travelers,	3 00
Mayhew C. Davis,	13 12
John W. Mathews, supplies for J. M. Drury,	3 92
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Total,	\$269 47

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Hiram Paul,	119 50
Frank D. Sawyer,	110 00
John J. Horn,	45 00
William H. Perkins,	57 36
Thomas Wood,	7 05
Eben J. Hersom,	6 28
Charles F. Rines,	4 00
Isaac D. Watson,	7 50
Joseph Hanson,	75
Samuel G. Wentworth,	1 00
Gilman P. Dore,	1 25
Daniel S. Davis,	1 25
John B. Lord,	3 25
James W. Hill,	3 12

Paid Thomas L. Wentworth,	62
Madison S. Wentworth,	4 00
Morrill B. Smith,	1 25
Alfred G. Young,	1 12
Robert H. Pike,	1 06
John B. Perry,	1 87
John Perry,	1 25
Alvah Runnels,	3 75
William H. Willey,	5 56
Henry Chase,	1 25
Joseph Streater,	62
Jonathan M. Burley,	3 62
Asa W. Hill,	1 25
Oliver Nutter,	1 63
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Total,	\$396 16

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### BREAKING ROADS.

District No. 1.	Paid John W. Evans,	1 56
	Albert L. Evans,	1 06
	George C. Pike,	72
	Alvah S. Garland,	45
	John W. Kimball,	90
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		\$4 69

District No. 2.	Paid William A. Maleham,	1 20
	George Gage,	72
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		\$1 92

District No. 3.	Paid James Tuttle,	4 92
	James McN. Cook,	1 20
	Haven N. Cook,	1 00
	Isaac T. Clark,	3 63
	Paul Howard,	60
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		\$11 35

District No. 4.	Paid John W. Mathews,	5 76
	George F. Sceggel,	5 52
	George L. Wentworth,	5 52
	Aaron Hurd,	2 88
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		\$19 68

District No. 5.	Paid John Gilman,	96
	Jackson Horn,	36
	Charlotte Wiggin,	1 74
	Hiram Paul,	1 80
	John L. Perkins,	12
	Henry D. Lane,	3 48
	Benjamin F. Tibbetts,	54
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		\$9 00

District No. 6.	Paid Daniel S. Davis,	1 50
	Jonathan M. Burley,	1 44
	Fred. Waldron,	2 64
	Asa W. Hill,	2 40
	James W. Hill,	2 16
	John Perry,	1 08
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		\$11 22



District No. 7.	Paid John Mee,	8 91
	John J. Horn,	5 22
	Samuel C. Horn,	1 22
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		\$15 35

District No. 8.	Paid Alvah Runnels,	3 84
	Herschel Moulton,	60
	Eben Chapman,	2 40
	Joseph B. Nichols,	36
	Aaron Nichols,	36
	Jeremiah Ricker,	2 40
	Robert Moulton,	1 56
	Charles E. Brackett,	1 92
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		\$13 44

District No. 9.	Paid John S. Nason,	5 63
	Andrew J. Robinson,	2 52
	Samuel F. Lane,	84
	Enoch D. Yeaton,	1 68
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		\$10 67

District No. 10.	Paid Isaac T. Clark,	5 32
	Brackett M. Weeks,	2 67
	Phineas J. Weeks,	78
	John H. Weeks,	1 80
	John F. Weeks,	2 22
	Jacob Lock,	1 68
	Charles J. Cottle,	3 84
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		\$18 31

District No. 11.	Paid George W. Seward,	4 50
	John C. Philbrick,	1 32
		<hr/> \$5 82
District No. 12.	Paid John Kimball,	84
	James L. Libbey,	42
		<hr/> \$1 26
District No. 13.	Paid Rufus Hanson,	60
	Aaron Young,	1 68
	Mayhew C. Davis,	1 68
	Alfred G. Young,	1 68
	Thomas L. Wentworth,	1 68
		<hr/> \$7 32
District No. 14.	Paid John F. Garland,	2 40
	Hiram W. Hutchins,	3 96
		<hr/> \$6 36
District No. 15.	Paid James Tucker,	3 00
	Samuel B. Ames,	4 56
	Ira Hanson,	4 56
		<hr/> \$12 12
District No. 16.	Paid Frank A. Dore,	5 64
	William S. Butler,	4 14
		<hr/> \$9 78
District No. 17.	Paid Thomas Wood,	5 28
	Oliver Nutter,	4 44
	Morrill B. Smith,	1 56
	Joshua Brooks,	4 31

District No. 17.	Paid Gilman P. Dore,	24	
	William Towle,	6 48	
		<hr/>	\$22 31
District No. 18.	Paid John F. Farnham,	1 26	
	George H. Gage,	84	
	Thomas H. Johnson,	84	
	Richmond Richards,	36	
		<hr/>	\$3 30
District No. 19.	Paid Thomas W. Hill,	4 50	
	Peter C. Young,	4 86	
	Madison S. Wentworth,	12 36	
	Daniel Campnell,	5 16	
		<hr/>	\$26 88
District No. 20.	Paid Washington Libbey,	2 40	
	A. A. Rollins,	3 50	
	Alonzo Lovell,	1 56	
		<hr/>	\$7 46
District No. 21.	Paid Josiah Wiggin,	\$2 04	
District No. 23.	Paid Charles W. Page,	72	
	George F. Piper,	1 08	
	James P. Fellows,	72	
	William K. Fellows,	72	
	Noah K. Nutter,	1 56	
	John R. Downs,	1 08	
	Frank Piper,	1 20	
	Mark F. Piper,	2 16	
		<hr/>	\$9 24

District No. 24.	Paid John W. Sanborn,	6 00	
	Ebenezer Garvin,	2 40	
	Mark I. Allen,	1 20	
	Plummer Wilkinson,	1 20	
	Jefferson P. Brown,	1 20	
	Ivory F. Rice,	1 20	
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			\$13 20
District No. 25.	Paid Calvin Farnham,	3 12	
	Aziah C. Willey,	12 72	
	William H. Willey,	2 16	
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			\$18 00
District No. 26.	Paid Sylvester M. Cooper,	\$5 10	
District No. 27.	Paid Jonathan R. Gilman,	\$3 18	
District No. 28.	Paid Samuel G. Wentworth,	3 12	
	Jefferson Merrow,	60	
	Joseph Hanson,	2 88	
	Orrin Wentworth,	1 56	
	David W. C. Wentworth,	1 08	
	John C. Waldron,	2 88	
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			\$12 12
District No. 29.	Paid Edwin H. Wentworth,	6 72	
	Charles Moulton,	6 96	
	Robert S. Corson,	1 74	
	John G. Stevens,	3 48	
	Benjamin Randall,	2 64	
	Edwin R. Willey,	3 60	
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			\$25 14



District No. 30.	Paid Joseph Streater,	60
	Charles F. Rines,	5 43
	John B. Lord,	1 50
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		\$7 53

District No. 31.	Paid Satchell Weeks,	84
	George W. Dow,	1 20
	James W. Shorey,	1 68
	Leander W. Lary,	3 36
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		\$7 08

District No. 32.	Paid Hiram Jones,	4 56
	R. F. D. Sibley,	5 04
	Josiah E. Archibald,	1 44
	Edward B. Farnham,	5 76
	Everett C. Hooper,	1 80
	Josiah W. Wiggin,	3 00
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		\$21 60

District No. 33.	Paid William H. Perkins,	\$2 64
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District No. 34.	Paid Nathaniel Meserve,	1 44
	Alonzo Wentworth,	72
	Peter H. Campnell,	72
	Jacob Ballard,	72
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		\$3 60

Total,	\$348 71
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## NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Sarah Y. Cook, note and interest,	326 26
John W. Sanborn, interest,	30 00
Burrows Drew,                   “	1 30
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	\$357 56

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## TOWN BONDS AND COUPONS.

Paid John F. Weeks,	104 00
Lucy A. Wiggin,	104 00
Sarah A. Hall,	312 00
Burrows Drew,	104 00
Freeman D. Pike,	364 00
Jacob Lock,	52 00
Interest coupons on bonds remaining due,	580 00
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	\$1,620 00

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## RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid Hiram P. Mansur one-half the proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Freewill Baptist Society, for the year ending March 1, 1881,	8 95
Mrs. Joseph R. Mitchell one-half the proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Methodist Society, for the year ending March 1, 1881,	8 95

Paid Timothy Davis one-half the proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Methodist Society, for the year ending March 1, 1881,	8 95
Samuel W. Roberts the proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Congregational Society for the year ending March 1, 1881,	17 91
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	\$44 76

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#### REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Amos G. Duntley, labor,	4 15
Freeman D. Pike, “	7 13
John F. Farnham, “	3 00
Andrew J. Robinson, “	8 62
George A. Yeaton, materials,	5 36
John L. Perkins, labor,	1 50
Enoch D. Yeaton, “	19 45
John S. Nason, shingles,	34 00
George H. Gage, “	2 20
Andrew J. Milliken, materials, paint, &c.,	7 34
Daniel Brackett, lumber,	2 44
Samuel M. Allen, mason work,	5 15
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	\$100 34

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#### OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid Josiah H. Hobbs, Guar. of Frank Hobbs,	163 94
Josiah Wiggin, sheep killed by dogs,	12 00
Daniel Brackett,	4 32

Paid Andrew G. Hall, balance of sheep bill,	4 00
Hiram P. Mansur, watering place for 1879,	3 00
Clarence E. Junkins, poll tax paid in Mass.	1 88
John J. Horn, repairing road in 1879,	1 97
John W. Evans, " "	75
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	\$191 86

### MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Armine D. Paul,	\$20 76
Charles H. Willey,	32 47
Mayhew C. Davis,	10 00
Jonathan R. Gilman,	9 00
Charles W. Sanborn,	5 00
George H. Gage, bounties paid on hawks,	3 60
Asa M. Brackett, " " "	3 00
Satchell Weeks,	3 76
John E. Scruton,	2 50
Samuel W. Roberts,	2 25
Reuben Archibald,	1 80
Andrew J. Milliken,	1 38
George H. Gage, express bills, &c., paid,	1 15
Edwin W. Junkins, " "	1 00
Alvah Runnels,	90
Henry D. Lane,	50
Isaac N. Fellows,	30
Edwin W. Jenkins, express bill,	1 00
Aziah C. Willey, non-resident highway tax paid in labor,	150 66
Aziah C. Willey, discount for all further abatement on tax-list for 1880,	50 00
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	\$301 03



## ABATEMENTS.

Paid Isaac N. Fellows the following abatements on  
his tax-list for 1876.

Robert S. Corson,	6 62	Joseph Cloutier,	9 50
Gilman P. Dorr,	1 00	Heirs G. W. Hutchins,	7 79
William E. Tucker,	6 65	Charles A. Weeks,	1 90
Stephen M. Willey,	52	George Wentworth,	1 90
William B. Small,	1 60	John Davis, dog,	2 00
Nathaniel Goudy,	1 76		—
Total,			\$41 44

To paid Satchell Weeks the following abatements on  
tax-list for 1877.

Noah Wilkinson,	9 37	D. Emerson, dog tax,	1 00
Total,			\$10 37

To paid Isaac T. Clark the following abatements on  
tax-list for 1878.

Jerry Avery,	20	Charles A. Caldwell,	1 85
Thomas J. Butler,	1 85	George Grundy,	1 85
Martin V. B. Drury,	1 85	Oscar Fellows,	1 85
E. B. Farnham, dog,	1 00	Robert C. McDaniels,	3 29
Augustine Lover,	1 85	Wm. B. Wentworth,	
A. S. Weeks, dog loss,	1 00	loss of dog,	1 00
Joseph Cloutier,	1.85		—
Total,			\$19 44

To paid Aiziah C. Willey the following abatements on  
tax-list for 1880.

Sam'l Adjutant, taxed		Thomas J. Butler,	1 68
in Brookfield,	2 02	Herbert B. Colbath,	1 68
Joseph E. Campnell,	84	S. M. Cooper, dog loss,	1 00
Jonathan B. Colbath,	1 68	Frank E. Davis, "	1 00
Silas E. Davis,	1 68	Asa M. Farnham,	4 97
Jas. Drew, loss of dog,	1 00	Augustus Glidden,	1 68
John Flanders,	2 02	John D. Hanson,	2 68
Chas. F. Goldsmith,	1 68	Edwin P. Jenness,	2 68
Benjamin Horn,	1 68	Eben Chapman, loss	
Albert L. Evans,		of horse and dog,	1 50
loss of ox,	74	Jacob R. Pike,	1 68
Otis Nason,	1 68	J. W. Sanborn, error	
A. A. Rollins,	1 68	in assessments,	17 80
F. D. Sawyer, dog loss,	1 00	Charles Tanner,	1 68
Mary S. Hanson, dog,	1 00	Enoch T. Smart,	1 68
Heirs of Edmund B.		Asa Whitehouse,	1 68
Tebbetts,	4 54	Lorenzo White,	2 01
Frank Whitehouse,	1 68	Henry Chase, over 70	
Luther W. Palmer,	1 68	years of age,	1 68
Charles J. Cottle, loss		Daniel Milliken, loss	
of horse,	1 18	of dog,	1 00
Jas. Tucker, dog loss,	1 00	John Hanson, loss of	
Jane Mills,	3 36	dog,	1 00
Heirs Wm. Moulton,	8 40	Heirs of Chesley Jen-	
Geo. A. Richardson,	1 68	ness,	2 02
Chas. A. Weeks paid		William S. Tucker,	1 68
in Mass.,	1 68		
Total,			<hr/> \$96 68
Total of abatements,		\$167 73.	

## WATERING TROUGHS.

Paid Leander W. Lary,	\$3 00
Turner N. Seward,	3 00
Hiram P. Mansur,	3 00
John W. Mathews,	3 00
Jonathan R. Gilman,	3 00
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	\$15 00

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## SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid Aziah C. Willey,	9 00
Hiram Jones,	8 00
Richard F. D. Sibley,	5 00
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	\$22 00

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## STATIONERY.

Paid Charles H. Pike, printing town accounts,	46 00
E. J. Lane, two record books,	14 50
Morrill E. Silsby,	5 30
George H. Gage,	1 60
G. H. H. Silsby & Son,	79
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	\$68 19

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Robert H. Pike, treasurer of 1880,	30 00
Robert H. Pike, assessor for 6 days,	12 00
Richard F. D. Sibley, assessor for 10 days,	20 00

Paid Samuel W. Roberts, S. S. Committee,	36 00
Horatio G. Sawyer, town clerk,	20 86
Charles W. Page, supervisor of check-list,	8 00
Joshua H. Cloutman, " "	6 00
Charles W. Sanborn, " "	5 00
Charles A. Varney, auditor,	2 00
Morrill B. Smith, " "	2 00
George H. Gage, selectman,	103 35
Asa M. Brackett, " "	67 75
Geo. L. Wentworth, " "	70 00
Aziah C. Willey, collector of taxes 1880,	94 86
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Total paid town officers,	\$477 82

Received by the town treasurer the following sums :

Received of the treasurer for 1879,	439 51
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	629 82
" " literary fund,	108 78
" " railroad tax,	8 27
County of Carroll,	194 95
Geo. H. Gage, unexpended witness fee in Robinson case,	4 00
Samuel W. Roberts,	2 00
Isaac N. Fellows, tax-list for 1876,	395 89
Satchell Weeks, " " 1877,	10 37
Isaac T. Clark, " " 1878,	122 91
Aziah C. Willey, " " 1880,	8,879 38
Daniel Brackett,	400 00
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Whole amount received by the treasurer,	\$11,195 88
Whole amount paid out by selectmen by orders on town treasurer,	9,625 36
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Balance in the hands of the treasurer,	\$1,570 52



## LIABILITIES.

Due the several school districts, unexpended money for 1880,	152 58
several school districts, interest on school fund for 1881,	44 75
Free Will Baptist Society, one-half the proportion of interest on ministerial fund, for the year ending March 1st, 1878,	8 95
Free Will Baptist Society, one-half the proportion of interest on ministerial fund for the year ending March, 1, 1879,	8 95
Free Will Baptist Society, one-half the proportion of interest on ministerial fund, for the year ending March 1, 1880.	8 95
Free Will Baptist Society, one-half the proportion of interest on ministerial fund, for the year ending March 1, 1881,	8 95
Several religious societies interest on ministerial fund, for the year ending March 1, 1882,	53 73
John W. Sanborn, note and interest known as the Rollins fund,	500 00
Will be due Burrows Drew, May 1, town bonds,	1,248 00
Laura E. Scruton, “ “	1,040 00
John C. Penney, “ “	1,040 00
Sarah A. Hall, “ “	1,144 00
Chas. C. Richards, “ “	1,404 00
Mark H. Wentworth, “ “	1,248 00

Will be due Jos. Maleham, May 1, town bonds,	1,248 00
Jacob Ballard, " "	624 00
Elsie T. Langley's } heirs, " "	728 00
Lucy A. Wiggin, " "	416 00
Lizzie Pike, " "	520 00
Eliza Blake, " "	520 00
Freeman D. Pike, " "	312 00
Mary A. Duntley, " "	416 00
Algernon S. Weeks, " "	260 00
Mary L. Perkins, " "	208 00
Susan A. Pike, " "	208 00
Almira Pike, " "	104 00
Lavina J. Weeks, " "	104 00
Catherine V. Weeks, " "	156 00
Salome C. Weeks, " "	104 00
Wm. A. Maleham, " "	364 00
Hiram O. Stevens, " "	52 00
George F. Sceggel, " "	52 00
Mary C. Ballard, " "	104 00
Belle C. Fall, " "	156 00
Lucy N. Fall, " "	156 00
Lucy A. Hill, " "	208 00
Elizabeth Weeks, " "	208 00
Eliza J. Gage, " "	208 00
George H. Gage, " "	208 00
Irena Wentworth } heirs, " "	156 00
Mary Garland, " "	156 00
Isaac N. Fellows, when he settles his tax-list for the year 1876,	40 00

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Total liabilities,

\$15,936 86

## BY MONEY DUE THE TOWN.

Due from Daniel Brackett, treasurer 1877,	1,826 00
Isaac N. Fellows, tax-list 1876,	239 06
Isaac T. Clark, " 1878,	27 09
County of Carroll,	190 17
Treasurer for 1880,	1,570 52
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	\$3,852 84

Amount of liabilities,	15,936 86
Money due the town,	3,852 84
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Leaving balance against the town, \$12,084 02

The U. S. government claims for bounties, amounting to \$2,552 40, is not included in the foregoing accounts.

GEORGE H. GAGE,	}	Selectmen
ASA M. BRACKETT,		of
GEORGE L. WENTWORTH,		Wakefield.

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WAKEFIELD, N. H., March 9, 1881.

We, the subscribers, auditors for the town of Wakefield, having this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, hereby report that we find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

EBENEZER GARVIN,	}	Auditors.
CHARLES A. VARNEY,		

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIVED.

From treasurer 1879,	441 01
State treasurer,	746 87
Carroll County,	194 95
Daniel Brackett, on his note,	400 00
George H. Gage,	4 00
Samuel W. Roberts,	2 00
Isaac N. Fellows, collector for 1876,	395 89
Satchell Weeks, " " 1877,	10 37
Isaac T. Clark, " " 1878,	122 91
Aziah C. Willey, " " 1880,	8,879 38
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	\$11,197 38

## PAID.

State and county tax,	\$3,186 43
School districts,	2,058 30
Support of poor,	209 97
Dog tax fund,	38 00
Roads and bridges,	424 60
Breaking roads,	342 41
Notes and interest,	357 56
Bonds and coupons,	1,620 00
Religious societies,	44 76
Miscellaneous bills,	489 85
Printing and stationery,	68 19
Town officers,	477 82
Watering places,	18 00
Abatements,	223 37
Balance on hand,	1,638 12
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	\$11,197 38

ROBERT H. PIKE, Treasurer.



WAKEFIELD, N. H., March 9, 1881.

We, the subscribers, auditors for the town of Wakefield, having this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer, hereby report that we find them correctly cast and fully supported by proper vouchers.

EBENEZER GARVIN, }  
CHARLES A. VARNEY, } Auditors.



## REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF WAKEFIELD:

Your committee would congratulate you on the very general success of your schools during the past year. No term of school has proved a failure, nor has any serious difficulty in the management of any school come to our knowledge. All the teachers, we have reason to believe, have devoted their best energies to the advancement of their pupils, and few have been the exceptions where there has not been a hearty co-operation with them, on the part of the scholars.

Our earliest acquaintance with the schools showed us very plainly that their principal defects were want of thoroughness in preparation for reciting, of promptness in recitation, and lack of good reading. These deficiencies were pointed out, both to teachers and pupils, and their co-operation secured, with our efforts, to improve in these respects. In this direction we can but think good progress has been made. Still the top-most round of the ladder has not, by a long distance, been reached.

After the alphabet is mastered, such lessons should be assigned as the scholar is able to commit, and, so far as possible and practicable, the teacher should see to it that the lesson is learned before the recitation.

The recitation is no place to commit the lesson ; that is the place to elucidate and enforce it. A lesson imperfectly committed will, of course, be imperfectly recited. Hence the mumbling, low-toned, hesitating manner in recitations. Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well ; and if when "it is done, it is done well, then it were well it was done quickly." Both teachers and scholars should enter the school room as if they meant business. Let the teachers be patient, prompt, energetic, active, wide-awake in the school, and enthusiasm, activity, perseverance and promptness will be manifested on the part of the scholars in the exercises. Every pupil, too, should be made to stand on his own individual merits, and no recitation, however insignificant, should ever be in concert. But we are aware that the altogether too great number of classes, exceeding, in some schools, the number of scholars, and the too great multiplicity of text books in the same branch of education, and sometimes by the same author, are a great obstacle to this much needed reform.

In regard to reading, too little attention, we think, has been paid to it. It has been too much a haphazard or put-by business in all our schools, high and common. Hence so comparatively few good readers among the educated. To remedy this defect, we have endeavored to enforce the necessity of having an exact lesson given, studied and recited, in this branch of education, from the time the alphabet is learned till the scholar graduates from the school. And what an accomplishment to be a good reader ! How does it add to the power and influence of the occupant of the pulpit, bar, or social circle. And to be a perfect

reader is to give the thoughts of others as though they were your own, and not read them from book or paper at that. Perfection is what we, poor mortals, should aim at in all things. To accomplish this, or come anywhere near it, the scholar should be taught to read naturally, and no measured cadence or assumed tone should be allowed. And we believe the effect, for smaller classes especially, of reading much in concert is bad.

If just as the "twig is bent the tree's inclined," how vastly important it is that those who have the bending of the twig should bend it in the right direction. Next to the care of home, our children are intrusted largely to the care of the "common school teacher." By example the teacher should enforce his precepts, whether secular or moral. Now we have heard several of the teachers very badly pronounce some very common terms, and use some very ungrammatical phrases, in the school room, but we are most happy to say that we have heard no word from them, or seen no act of theirs, of an immoral tendency. Must not Heaven look with rejoicing upon the labors of the faithful teacher, who is trying to turn the youthful mind from the paths of sin into those of virtue and peace?

During our short experience as committee, we have been almost flooded with the circulars, and bored not a little by the agents, of the different houses of publication of school books. To most of the agents we have turned a deaf ear, and to most of the circulars a blind eye. We believe the supervisors of the schools of the State should have some concert of action, and should unitedly set their foot on this thing, and should

not allow an already tax-ridden community to be unnecessarily taxed to help on what has become a mere speculation, by making frequent changes of text books. We have not felt warranted in making any change, and do not believe any change in the near future is called for, unless perhaps the substitution of Greenleaf's for Hagar's Arithmetic would be an improvement.

In your twelve districts, during our supervision, you have had twenty-six terms of school. The whole number of weeks taught is 261 3-5. Sixty-one and two-fifths weeks have been taught by males, the rest by females. The average of the whole number of scholars attending is 216. Expense of teachers, including board, \$1,730.89. Total expense of the schools, as estimated, \$2,210.89. Cost of tuition per week, per scholar, 34 1-2 cents.

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

First Term—Mrs. Priscilla L. Garland, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 8. Average number of scholars, 18. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20.00.

Second Term—Mr. Daniel F. Merrow, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 12. Average number of scholars, 16. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$32.00.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

First Term—Miss Belle C. Fall, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 8. Average number of scholars, 32. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$30.00.



Second Term—Miss Belle C. Fall, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 12. Average number of scholars, 31. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$30.00.

Third Term—A. P. Chesley, A. B., teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 10. Average number of scholars, 31 13-100. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$50.00.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

First Term—Miss Abbie B. Parker, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 8. Average number of scholars, 13. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20.00.

Second Term—Miss Abbie E. Cate, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 16. Average number of scholars, 10. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20.00.

### DISTRICT No. 4.

First Term—Miss Lizzie B. Cate, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 8. Average number of scholars, 14. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20.00.

Second Term—Miss Mary A. Quimby, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 16. Average number of scholars, 14. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$26.00.

### DISTRICT No. 5.

First Term—Miss Cora E. Sibley, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 9. Average number of

scholars, 28. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$28.00.

Second Term—Miss Cora E. Sibley, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 12 3-5. Average number of scholars, 25. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$30.00.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

First Term—Miss Mary F. Wentworth, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 8. Average number of scholars, 15. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$16.40.

Second Term—Mr. Aziah C. Willey, Jr., teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 12 2-5. Average number of scholars, 17. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$30.00.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

First Term—Mrs. Hattie N. A. Bertsch, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 8. Average number of scholars, 10. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20.00.

Second Term—Miss Jennie C. Boynton, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 8 3-5. Average number of scholars, 10. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$28.00.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

First Term—Miss Belle H. Wentworth, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 7. Average number of scholars, 19. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$24.00.

Second Term—Mr. Edgar Weeks, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 9. Average number of scholars, 22. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$40.00.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

First Term—Mrs. Mary A. Quimby, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 8. Average number of scholars, 26. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$30.00.

Second Term—Miss Nell E. Hamlin, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 10. Average number of scholars, 24. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$30.00.

Third Term—Miss Nell E. Hamlin, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 11. Average number of scholars, 32. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$38.00.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

First Term—Miss Cora May Furber, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 7. Average number of scholars, 4. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20.00.

Second Term—Mr. Horace B. Tuttle, teacher.—Number of weeks in this term, 8. Average number of scholars, 5. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$30.00.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

First Term—Miss Mary C. Ballard, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 7. Average number of

scholars, 14. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$19.00.

Second Term—Miss Mary C. Ballard, teacher.—Number of weeks in this term, 15. Average number of scholars, 7. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$21.00.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

First Term—Miss Sarah A. Ham, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 9. Average number of scholars, 47. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$32.00.

Second Term—Miss C. Augusta Clement, teacher. Number of weeks in this term, 14. Average number of scholars, 40. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$40.00.

We would simply add, that our thanks are due both teachers and scholars, for the uniform courtesy with which they have treated us; and as this is the last time we shall hold the relation to them we have during this year, it is our sincere prayer that all of them may be permitted to fill up a long life with such deeds of usefulness, that at its close they may have chiseled their name so high and deep in the solid temple of fame, that time shall not efface it.

SAM'L W. ROBERTS,

Supt. School Committee of Wakefield.

March 7, 1881.



